

Feminine Chat And Chatter

GOSSIP AND ADVICE FOR THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

FEBRUARY IS GOOD MONTH IN WHICH TO BEGIN THE SPRING SEWING.

The dark days of February are none too early in the year to start spring sewing. Very wisely the white work comes first, bed and table linen should be replenished before the clothing is taken in hand, says a writer in the Philadelphia Press. An experienced housekeeper said that if one new tablecloth and a dozen napkins are purchased each year the supply will never be exhausted. In a moderate-sized family, new articles should, in both bed and table linen, be given the brunt of the year. The reason for this is that it results in keeping a larger supply on hand. If the new napkins are boarded and the older ones kept in constant use, the latter will soon be used up entirely, while by putting the new ones in constant use and letting the worn ones have only an occasional turn they will last much longer.

There are still women who greatly prefer tablecloths and napkins hemmed by hand, others think time too precious and content themselves with neat machine hems on all, or at least the plainer ones, managing to hem their best ones by hand as fancy work. When the household linen has been replenished night clothing and underwear should next be taken in hand. There are comparatively few women who now make their underwear at home, although that is still the best way to secure just what you wish in cut and material.

No thrifty woman who wishes to procure the best value for her money would think of buying the flimsy garments, trimmed with tawdry, cheap lace. Every "supply" is said to meet a "demand," so there must be some deluded woman who are willing to buy and wear garments which must turn to tumbled rags after a few visits to the wash tub. A refined taste and common-sense put good material in the first place and despite flimsy trimming above all things. Fortunately in all our large stores by inquiring at the counter for plainer garments of substantial materials they can be found.

The French underwear, so often finished with just the handworked scallop, are good models to follow in making underwear at home. Some of the young girls are making one-piece night gowns of muslin, which rival the French convent work in dainty beauty.

When the underwear is all disposed of by purchase or making the next task should be going over last year's dresses. The children's dresses will need to be "passed down" or lengthened, every mother or daughter knows what a difficult task it is to keep the dresses and skirts of a growing girl properly adjusted.

While the white work and repairing have been going on the days have grown so much longer that dressmaking can be undertaken in real advantage. The styles are more settled, too, by that time, so there is no trouble in knowing what will be worn.

Two Recipes.

Fruit and Nut Caramels.—Take equal portions of nut meats, figs and dates; chop very fine, or better still, pass through a meat grinder, mix together thoroughly, and place in a square, shallow baking tin; pack down tight and even, using a rolling pin or the blade of a broad knife. When packed the layer should be about three-fourths of an inch thick. With a sharp knife cut into squares the size of ordinary car-

amels. The candy may now be easily lifted from the pan, for the cubes are firm and solid. Wrap each in a square of oiled paper. These caramels may be varied by using different kinds of nuts. Walnuts and pecans are both favorites. A very delicious and slightly more expensive caramel is one formed of figs and Brazil nuts alone, using about one-third of the nut meats to two-thirds of the fruit.

Apple Salad.—Wipe and pare apples, then cut in small pieces. Mix with an equal quantity of finely cut celery, and moisten with mayonnaise dressing. Mound on a nest of crisp lettuce leaves and garnish with curled celery and canned pineapples cut in strips or fancy shapes. Curled celery often makes an attractive garnish. Cut thick stalks of celery in two-inch pieces. With a sharp knife, beginning at the outside of the stalks, make five cuts parallel to each other, extending one-third the length of the pieces. Make six cuts at right angles to the cuts already made. Cut the other end in the same fashion. Put the pieces in cold or iced water, and let stand for several hours.

Cushion Cover Design.

A beautiful design for a cushion cover called "The Brazils," will surely meet with appreciation. Hand embroidery is never seen to greater advantage than on a cushion, and nowadays such perfect shades in silk may be obtained that any decorative scheme may be lived up to, and the happiest results may be obtained by a little exercise of forethought and arrangement, while suitability of design must also come in for a share of attention.

Here, for example, is a design of natural colored linen, worked in beautiful shades of peacock blue, greens and golden browns, which, when finished and made up into a cushion and given a place on a plain tapestry or velvet chair, would look at its best, but place it on a figured tapestry of many colors or on a rose or floral design chintz, and it would not only lose its charming effect, but would look entirely in opposition to its surroundings.

The pretty butterfly and the leaf the Housekeeper for February, should for veining the wing stem stitch is used; the amount of work put into the butterfly depends entirely on the skill and taste of the worker.

A Home Hospital.

The hospital drawer, according to the Housekeeper for February, should be fitted up with the following articles:

Two large and four small bed pads. To make these use two old bed quilts, one cut in two pieces and the other in four. Fold these together, the best side out, and quilt on the machine. Have two covers for each pad. The best is cheap unbleached canvas, as it washes white and looks well.

Three packages of thin cloth. This is to be used for mustard plasters. Cut in various sizes, some square and some longer than wide.

One roll of old linen. This cloth is used for bathing the face or for burns, cuts or sores, where lint or cotton cloth would be harmful. Save for this purpose all old tablecloths, napkins and handkerchiefs.

One roll of long strips of muslin and flannel. Use this for sore throats and sprains, cuts and abscesses.

One package large, square, soft cloth. Sew on two sides for making bran, slippery elm, hop and flaxseed meal poultice.

One package small sacks for dry, hot

poultices, such as salt or honey. One end one-half yards of rubber sheeting.

One box mustard.
One cake pure castile soap.
One hot water bag.
One bottle smelling salts.
One small jar of air-slacked lime and linseed oil, as it affords instant relief for burns.
Pin a label on the rolls, so that no matter who goes to the drawer, they can lay their hands on just what is wanted, and not keep the suffering one waiting.

Furs and Feathers.

Mole skins and beaver, employed for hats, intermingle with Ottoman silk and velvet crowns. Wings figure on the hats and gigantic pompons. Feathers form butterfly effects, metal galons and paillettes mingling on them and with them; owl's heads are figuring on the fronts of hats. Breasts of birds are used for trimming and un-curved ostrich and vulture feathers.

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MUCH IN LITTLE.

There are 3,000 islands in Lake Huron.

Jamaica ginger plantations raise about 2,000 pounds to the acre.

The telephone business is picking up in China. Peking has now 1,700 subscribers.

The average life of a piece of plate glass is 10 years, as shown by plate-glass insurance records.

Roumania is the most illiterate country of Europe. Two-thirds of its inhabitants cannot read nor write.

In spite of the general decrease in imports in Brazil during 1918 there was an increase in imports of fresh fruit.

The City of Tampico has awarded a contract to the Compania Mexicana de Pavimentos de Asfalto y Construcciones, of Mexico City, for paving the principal streets with asphalt at a cost of \$400,000 gold.

Kora will be represented at Seattle by an exhibit of brass wares, carved woods, linens and silks. An exporter in Seoul is preparing a fine exhibit for the 1919 exhibition to show the progress of the Pacific country.

An apparatus is being built in Philadelphia for a coal mining and navigation company that will pick up canal boats, lift them 60 feet into the air, and dump their contents into a storage pile, a wharf or into another vessel.

After a year of prohibition in Atlanta, the Constitution reports that arrests by the Atlanta police decreased 8,810; the fines collected in the recorder's court fell off \$34,358 and the fines worked out in the streets were less by \$10,338.

The season's first cargo of sugar from the Hawaiian Islands, according to the Mexican Herald, was moved across the Tehuantepec Railway at the end of January. It was destined for New York, and consisted of 30 carloads, of 400 tons each.

Statistics of arrivals of sea-going vessels at Buenos Ayres for November, forwarded by Consul General Alban G. Snyder, show a total of 180 ships, with a tonnage of 403,723. Thirteen countries were represented, but not the United States.

If reports from the Orient may be relied upon, the Grand Vizier's list of senators to be submitted to the Sultan for approval will contain the names of two Jews—David Effendi Mohlis, first dragoman of the Imperial divan, and Behor Effendi Eskmeel, a member of the state council.

It is stated that the Chinese ministry of finance has sanctioned a loan of 250,000 taels (about \$175,000) to the government of Chinese Turkestan for the purpose of starting a cotton spinning and weaving mill in the City of Turfan. So far nearly all the cotton piece goods in use by the natives of Chinese Turkestan are of Russian manufacture.

Many musk ox robes are in use in the Province of Ontario for cold weather driving. They are rare and too costly to be common. I know of none being exported from the district to the United States. No more luxurious robe can be had than the musk ox. Its long, woolly fur, some of it measuring 14 inches long, defies the severest cold.—Fur News.

A Good Investment.

If President Roosevelt decides to make his home in the west, there are number of enterprising towns that would gladly vote bonds to induce him to "locate" there.—Kansas City Star.

A Disease With Them.

Cuba may have thought it might as well start with a President Gomez. All the Spanish-American countries have to have one at some time or other.—Chicago News.

Concerning Divine Limitations.

In 1880 we moved west. The land was the same everywhere—not a rock in sight. I expect my little boy was wishing he could have some one to play with; at any rate, he left his trench-digging and came into the house with a very sober little face. "Mamma, can God do everything?"

"Yes."
"Everything He has a mind to?"
"Yes, everything."
"Is there anything He can't do?"
"No; everything is possible with God."

"Could He make a rock so big He couldn't lift it, mamma?"
"What could I say?—The February Delineator."

Dr. Q.—Mr. Nutt, what do you know about the age of Elizabeth?
Nutt—Why, I think she was about, eighteen, doctor.—Sewanee Tiger.

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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER ATTENDED BUSINESS COLLEGE

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HE KEPT A LEDGER "A."

Of his father, Mr. Rockefeller says:

"I owe him a great debt for the practical ways in which he trained me. From early boyhood I kept a little book which I called ledger A.

The author says he came of a family of modest means in which there was a close family life, which he counts a blessing. His first business deal consisted in selling turkeys which his mother gave him for "minding them."

ATTENDS CLEVELAND BUSINESS COLLEGE.

His Education.

High school and bookkeeping in a commercial college in Cleveland completed Mr. Rockefeller's scholastic performances. Then for three weeks he walked the streets asking merchants "if they didn't want a boy." His first employment was with the firm of Hewitt and Tuttle of Cleveland. He did not ask what wages he was to receive and after three months he was paid fifty dollars. The salary next year was \$25 a month. The third year it was \$700. He wanted \$800 and this refused he resigned to go into business for himself.

With M. B. Clark he formed a partnership, his investment being \$1,000 which he borrowed from his father. The business was loading and unloading carload produce.

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